

Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam:

GCE A-level requirements

for English-taught Bachelor's programmes



General diploma requirement

- 3 (international) GCE A-levels completed **in general, academic subjects*** with an A*, A, B or C grade

Additionally 3 GCSE's completed with grade A*, A, B or C/grade 4-9 showing - in combination with the A-levels - six different subjects in total (incl. English and mathematics).

If an applicant did not complete the GCSE's they can upload their secondary school transcript of the curriculum completed prior to starting the A-levels.

GCE A-level Subject requirements:

Examples of accepted A-level subjects: All Languages, Ancient History, Biology, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Classical Studies, Economics, Environmental Science / Technology, Further Mathematics, Geography, Government and Politics, History, History of Art, Islamic Studies, Latin, Law, Literature, Marine Sciences, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Statistics.

***For non-Humanities programmes a maximum of 1 GCE A-level in languages is accepted.**



Accreditation: VU Amsterdam only accepts GCE A-levels awarded by official examining boards approved by a regulatory body (e.g. AQA, Pearson, WJEC, CCEA, Cambridge).



English language requirement

Applicants can meet the language requirements with:

- A secondary education or higher education diploma* obtained after successfully completing English-taught education in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America
**equivalent to at least [EQF level 4](#)*
- GCE A-level (AQA, Pearson, WJEC, CCEA) or Cambridge International A-level in 'English Language', 'English Literature' or 'English Language & Literature' with minimum grade C* if obtained as part of a diploma that meets our general diploma requirement.
**B Law in Society and B Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE): 'English Language', 'English Literature' or 'English Language & Literature' with minimum grade B*
- 3 academic GCE A-levels completed with minimum grade C (meeting the general diploma requirement) and language of instruction English, in combination with GCSE English Language grade C/4* or above, or iGCSE English as a First Language minimum grade C/4*.
**B Law in Society and B Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE): in combination with GCSE English Language grade B/6 or above iGCSE English as a First Language minimum grade B/6.*
- One of the approved English language proficiency tests with minimum passing score as listed on www.vu.nl/language-requirements



Programme-specific requirements

Students may need to fulfill specific subject, grade and selection requirements, depending on the programme/major they are applying for.

Is the general diploma requirement met, but do A-level exams not meet the subject requirement? Then you can find alternative options mentioned on [the programme page](#) under “Admissions”.

School of Business and Economics

Bachelor's programme	Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)
Economics and Business Economics	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics
Econometrics and Data Science	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics
Econometrics and Operations Research	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics
International Business Administration (IBA)	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics

Faculty of Science

Bachelor's programme	Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)
Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics
Business Analytics	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics
Computer Science	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics
Mathematics	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics + A-level Further Mathematics

John Stuart Mill College: Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Bachelor's programme	Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C, depending on the other grades)
Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics GPA requirement option 1: 3 A-levels in academic subjects grades BBB incl. A-level Mathematics GPA requirement option 2: 3 A-levels in relevant academic subjects excl. maths grades BBB + A-level Mathematics grade C

Faculty of Behavioural and Movement Sciences

Bachelor's programme	Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)
Psychology	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C)

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Bachelor's programme	Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)
Communication Science	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C)
Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C)
Political Science: Global Politics	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C)
Communication and Information Studies	None

History: History and International Studies	None
Literature and Society: English	None
Media, Art, Design, and Architecture	None
Philosophy	None

Faculty of Law

Bachelor's programme	Required A-level subjects (completed with min. grade C)
Law in Society	Mathematics: A-level Mathematics or A-level Psychology (or AS level Mathematics grade A-C)

Other programmes:

Is a programme not listed?

- For Dutch-taught programmes further information can be found on the webpages in Dutch under 'Toelating'.
- For the Bachelor's programmes Liberal Arts and Sciences (Amsterdam University College), Archaeology, Ancient Studies, Mechanical Engineering page, and Creative Technology you can find further information on [the website programme information page](#) under "Admissions".